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SUBJECT: MALI PHOSPHATE PROJECT

REF: A) BAMAKO 3438; B) STATE 221106; C) BONN 14535

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED GERMAN INTENTIONS IN SUBJECT PROJECT WITH PROJECT OFFICER RUCKHEIM IN MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MEC). HE TOLD US THAT THE FRG HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO HANDLE PROJECT NOW THAT US PARTICIPATION IS PRECLUDED BEFORE 1977. BUDGETARY SQUEEZE HAS CAUSED INTERNAL COMPLICATIONS AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR. RUCKHEIM HOPES TO ARRANGE PROJECT LOAN SO THAT GOM CAN PURCHASE MACHINERY AND TRUCKS DIRECTLY, BUT THE SIZE OF THE LOAN, WHICH WILL NOW HAVE TO INCLUDE HOPED-FOR US CONTRIBUTION IS APPARENTLY CAUSING SOME SECOND THOUGHTS WITH THE MEC. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PROJECT WILL BE ABORTED, ALTHOUGH MEC IS RELUCTANT TO DO THIS SINCE STATE SECRETARY KOLLATZ PROMISED GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT WHEN HE VISITED BAMAKO EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. MEC EXPECTS TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROJECT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IMPLEMENTATION IN ANY EVENT IS UNLIKELY UNTIL 1976. PROJECT OFFICER  
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EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH US DECISION IN PARA 3

REF B, AND REITERATED HIS VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY  
OF SPEEDIER ACTION REPORTED REF C.

3. FOR BAMAKO: FRG IS UNAWARE OF THE GOM REQUEST  
REPORTED IN REF A. IN ANY CASE, FEBRUARY DEADLINE  
FOR RIVER SHIPMENT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL NOT BE MET.  
FRG ISN'T PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC WITH PROBLEMS  
THIS CREATES FOR PLANT PRODUCTION PROJECT SINCE  
GERMANS BELIEVE US COULD HAVE AVOIDED THE DIFFICULTIES  
BY PARTICIPATING IN THE PHOSPHATE MINING.

4. GERMAN FERTILIZER REPORT IS NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR  
DISTRIBUTION SINCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT IN  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING DRAFT CONCLUSIONS  
PRIOR TO RELEASE. THE MEC HOPES TO HAVE IT BY MID-  
OCTOBER, WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION TAKING SOMEWHAT  
LONGER. EMBASSY WILL POUCH REQUESTED COPIES ASAP.  
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